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Aruba has joined the union of Red Sox Nation!



Dan and Jane show off their baseball shirts



Honeymooners Scott and Michelle

ORANJESTAD -- On Wednesday evening, the activity at nearly all of opening of the 2013 World Series resulted in a frenzy of Aruba's sports bars, and vaca-

tioning New Englanders and Arubans sat shoulder to shoulder to root for their favorite team, Boston Red Sox.

Buster's Garage is a particularly popular spot for catching the game, where three giant screens allow patrons to follow all the action. More than a dozen more are carrying other important sports events to fill in those slack moments when commercials air.

There were plenty of Boston shirts to be seen, many emblazoned with the magical number 72 and the name of the player that has elicited such keen interest among islanders for this year's championship game: Xander Bogaerts.

Xander's incredible rise from the Minors to be one of the youngest starters in the history of the World Series, as well as the first Aruban to play in the finals, has electrified the island, infecting everyone with "World Series Fever."

Many of the vacationers joining locals at Buster's Garage for the first game were long time visitors, such as Dan and Jane, who have been "Die Hard Aruba Lovers" for 32 years.

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Europe's leaders furious over US spying claims

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Europe's leaders united Thursday behind furious Germany and France as an escalating row over claims of US snooping on its traditional allies overshadowed an EU summit.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, whose mobile phone was reportedly the latest target of covert surveillance by the US National Security Agency (NSA), set the tone.

"Spying between friends, that's just not done," she said as she joined leaders of the 28-nation European Union for a summit initially called to discuss boosting employment and the digital economy.

"We need trust between partners and such trust needs to be re-established."

The German chancellor later met with French President Francois Hollande, who made no statement on enter-

ing the two-day talks. A French diplomatic source said they aimed to discuss "how to coordinate their response" to the eavesdropping allegations.

Both leaders phoned President Barack Obama this week demanding clarification over claims the NSA spied on millions of French phone calls, and on the German leader personally.

But in Washington, White House spokesman Jay Carney refused to say whether Washington had listened in on Merkel in the past.

The White House has been on tricky political ground since saying when the claims first surfaced on Wednesday that it is not monitoring Merkel's communications and will not do so.

"We are not going to comment publicly on every specified alleged intelligence activity," Carney said.

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Aruba's Post Office moving ahead towards modernization in technology



ORANJESTAD -- A decade ago, the Aruba Post Office was functioning optimally with then systems in place as businesses, families and friends had only that option through those systems as the only means for long distance communication. However, the market has changed and innovated. Worldwide International Post Day was celebrated last October 18th and Aruba's Post also celebrated this day.

Minister Mike de Meza was also present during the celebration ceremonies. He tried to encourage employees to continue the good work and to congratulate them on their day. Atan Lee was on hand and brought a spiritual message after which the en-

tire group of employees went to Parke Arawa to enjoy the day.

The Aruba Post has a great challenge ahead of them, there is much competition because of the evolution of telecommunication and the mayor effect it has on the original services of the post. Today there is the internet, smartphones, skype, fax, etc. These have all weakened the Post and communication have become more accessible and easy for everyone. Post has the right of existence yet the services they offer have become limited. Nonetheless they have plans to amplify their product and service at the Post Offices, according to Mike de Meza.

According to Post Direc-

tor, Guillermo Raymond, they are working diligently on several goals and together with Universal Postal Union from whom they are receiving guidance, and support they intend to introduce new technology and make necessary changes to make the Post offices to function optimally despite the big challenges they face from digital telecommunication around the world.

According to Raymond, they are working on improving their services to keep updated within the new technologies. They are introducing, for example, "Track and Trace" : keep track of a letter from the moment it is posted up to the moment it arrives its destination, "Proof of Delivery," etc. "We are working on meeting the demands of clients and analyzing changes already being used in other countries which we can adapt for use on Aruba. The Post is a service for Aruba and for the people and we must continue to depend on it. Hence, we must innovate and introduce the services that are being demanded."

Police to issue general permit to Gaita and Dande Groups



ORANJESTAD -- The Aruba Police has issued a bulletin informing all Gaita, Folklore and Dande groups that they will be issuing a general permit for performances in front of business establishments for end of the year performances. The permit will entail that they can do presentations as of November 1st 2013 to December 31st 2013 without having to solicit any additional permit.

It is important, however, to note that there are certain conditions to the general permit which must be adhered to. Presentations can be made up until 10 pm, while they may at no time whatsoever hinder or bring danger to our traffic. They are not allowed to leave trash behind on pub-

lic roads following a presentation. It is also prohibited to play in the vicinity of churches during services, the hospital, elderly homes or other institutions offering medical services, or in the vicinity of gasoline stations.

Anyone needing these permits must contact the Planning and Information Office between 8:00am and 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00pm. Every district will attend to petitions pertaining to its district. For Oranjestad, please call Anthony Lambrinos at 582-4000, Noord, Willem Paesch at 587-0009, San Nicolaas, Bernardo Maduro at 584-50000 and for Santa Cruz, David Wing at 27-2900.

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Triple A Director Steinmetz: First phase of Airport Pre-Clearance project to begin this year!



ORANJESTAD – This week a delegation of the Aruba Airport Authority met with PM Mike Eman (entrusted with forming a new government). Airport Director, A. Steinmetz accompanied by Mr. J. Benschop expressed their satisfaction with the results of the meeting. Steinmetz reported that they spoke longer than anticipated discussing the present situation and the future of the airport. Where they stand today and where they intend to go, this not only regarding the airport but also Aruba and the economy.

They discussed the pension of employees and the AZV premium. They also discussed the tourism sector and how the airport will be developing in the coming years. They also discussed their investment plans. Along with these they discussed their concerns and how to solve these.

Triple A recently re-

newed their Master plan which consists of the general accommodation of the volume of growth in the next 10, 20 to 25 years. The new Master plan includes different projects. According to Steinmetz... "we believe that we can grow to up to 3 million passengers, but this will depend greatly on the economic development of the hotel sector and the amount of tourists that visit the island."

An important point which also got attention is the Pre-Clearance project for Europe (Schengengebied).

There is a work group representing Triple A working on this project, along with the governments of Aruba and The Netherlands and Schiphol. Their activities are far advanced and the intention is to begin the first phase of this project this year as yet.



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AZV Director Ringeling also meets with Mike Eman entrusted with forming new government



ORANJESTAD -- Last week Mike Eman, who is entrusted with forming a new government, continued his round of meetings with different stakeholders and partners in the community.

On Wednesday morning Eman met with the Director of the AZV (General Medical Insurance), Anco Ringeling. After the meeting, Ringeling reported that it was an interesting and relevant meeting. He indicated... "we reviewed

the various developments taking place in the AZV. We looked back at the period of government behind us and ahead of us. In this manner the government will be better informed of the points needing attention. One of the main points being the financing of the AZV with respect to the period ahead of us.

We need to see what is going to happen with the Premium and the portion that the government covers. We have placed a great deal of emphasis on the caregivers to see if they can reduce expenses. We have given this attention from the very start of the AZV. We have explored how the consumer may be able to contribute with a so-called "eigen bijdrage" (self-contribution). They presented different formulas to Mike Eman to help reduce and control expenses," but not affecting the quality of service to the patient. But the last decision remains in the hands of the government.

We also discussed the quality of our care. There are regular complaints regarding

this, hence the reason for discussing how to improve our care. Ringeling concluded his report by reiterating that the meeting was very interesting and relevant.



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Ariandne Faries to participate in children's book Festival

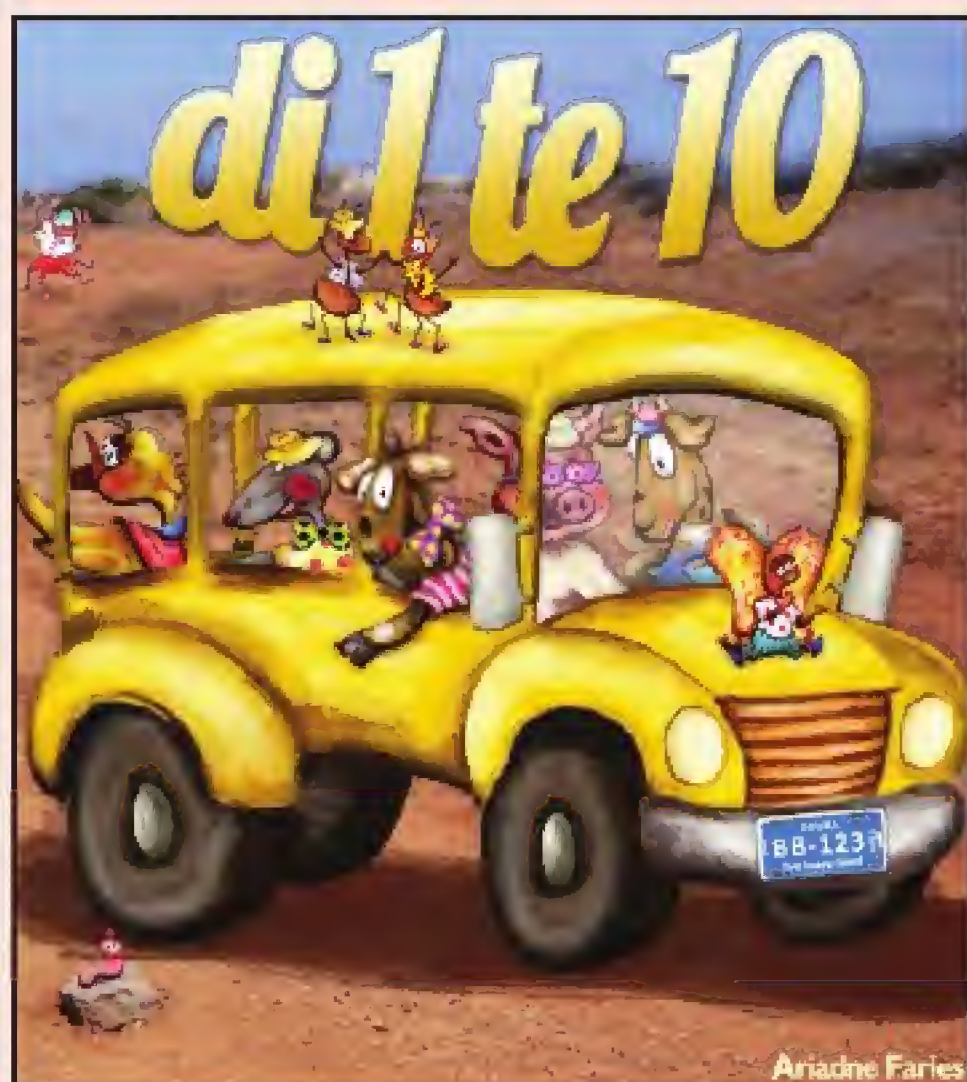


The Aruba National Library is organizing the 21st Children's Book Festival during the week of November 1st to 8th. Writers and storytellers will be visiting some 65 schools during the week.

There will also be various activities at libraries and book stores.

Ariandne Faries will be part of the group visiting schools. She hails from Curacao and studied graphic design in San Jose, Costa Rica. Ariandne's art is known on different territories, such as: art on canvas, photography, graphic design and as illustrator and author of children's books. In her literary work for children her skills cover all of these. Ariandne Faries has various co-productions with other authors with whom she has collaborated. One example is 'Kingu' of the Aruban author Aurita Meenhorst-Arends.

'Kingu' was the official book for the Children's Book Festival of 2006 on Aruba. Also "Kumbai" written by Ruth Zefrin, 'Mi Amigu Hundu y Rondo' of Roland Colastica y "Yomi ke bai felt" of Merly Augusta. Together with 12 authors Ariandne created "Bin Schucha un Cuenta (2005), a children's book.



And, so on, there are numerous works to Ariandne's name. Her own books which she has written and painted are: "Esta dushi Carnaval di Cadushi." (1995) and "Di un te dies" (2011). Ariandne Faries has participated in expositions of art as an individual and in groups in various countries. Her art was put on display in Curacao, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Cuba, Santo Domingo, Aruba, Bonaire, Michigan USA and New York. Our National Library invites all adults and children to visit the Festival of Books, on Friday the November 1st. The Li-

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Dan had his Bogaerts tee-shirt custom made to pay tribute to the player from his favorite island.

Joe from Boston reports he found his Bogaerts shirt at a Marshall's store near where he lives. He and wife Cheryl have been vacationing on Aruba regularly since 1984.

Honeymooner Michelle was sporting a customized, feminine version of a Red Sox tee, but her husband Scott refused to wear any sort of logo gear, concerned he would "jinx" his favorite baseball team. "The last and only time I ever wore something like that was to the Superbowl when New England Patriots played against the underdog Giants a couple of years ago, and we all know what happened then. So, never again!"

Boston did not disappoint their fans during the opening game of the World Series, putting three runs on the board during the first inning and another two during the second. Sports writers castigated the spiffy, clean-cut Cardinals for an amateurish performance, while the Red Sox, nearly every player sporting a bushy beard, which is a championship playoff ritual, trampled the St. Louis team.

Boston's starting pitcher John Lester was masterful, not allowing a single run until they retired him in the eighth inning to a standing ovation, not only at Fenway Park, but Buster's Garage. The game would have been a shutout,



Liz and Joe swear Boston, Aruba and Buster's are number 1

with Boston leading in the ninth inning 8-0 but St. Louis Left Fielder Matt Holliday sent a center field home run soaring into the bleachers against Boston's relief pitcher Ryan Dempster, to put them on the scoreboard.

By the top of the ninth "The game was on its way to being the most lopsided World Series opener since 2007, when the Red Sox beat the Colorado Rockies, 13-1, to start a sweep," cites sports writer Jesse Spector. "The most recent shutout by eight or more runs? That would be 1982, when the Cardinals lost, 10-0, to the Milwaukee Brewers. St. Louis wound up winning that series in seven games."

The Cardinal's pitchers gave little opportunity for Aruba's native son, Xander, to show off his power hitting. He struck out his first time at bat, and was walked twice. Xander did make a smooth



Joe and Cheryl vacationing on Aruba since 1984

play to tag out St. Louis First Baseman Matthew Adams in the seventh inning. His long pop fly allowed Boston to bring steal the final run.

Veteran Boston hitter David "Papi" Ortiz hit his 16th career post season game homerun in the seventh inning to bring the score to 7-0. However, most experts analyzing the game can only call it a "comedy of errors" on the part of the Cardinals, which proved tragic for their fans.

Exciting baseball action will continue through the playoffs at Buster's Garage, which is featuring beer bucket specials as long as championships last. The lively atmosphere and regular attendance of some hardcore Boston fans makes it a great place to watch the game.



Bob, Elsie, Mary and Dick love the Red Sox

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Learning the art of mosaic for gardening



"Everything can be mosaic," were the words of Claudia van Kessel when teaching the art to the Aruba Garden Club. The members met last Saturday, October 19 for a course in mosaic, the art of creating images with an assemblage of small pieces of colored glass, stone, or other materials. "You can even create a mosaic of small pieces of paper" she explained to the attendees before they sat at the table to craft.

The participants then received pliers to cut the tiles in small pieces and a tweezers to hold the small pieces and

glue put them on a substratum, the base. Claudia made sure that everyone had a base, either a porcelain plate, a heart cut out of wood, or a plant pot or a tile to work on. Each student was allowed to either make their own design, or use a template with a drawing.

"Mosaic is like working in your garden. You start with a drawing and then you start placing your plants, trying to match those which are of the same kind", a student commented. After letting the designs dry for 24 hours, they used grout to fill the spaces

between the pieces.

Aruba Garden members meet every third Saturday of the month. Their objective is to promote, develop and expand the knowledge of plants and gardening among members and the community. During each meeting they practice a certain garden theme. Past themes include soil, pruning and plant cuttings. The members also enjoy experimenting with something different, and learning mosaic was a treat for them.

The next project will be a walk thru Arikok National Park to enrich the members' knowledge on Aruba's native flora and fauna. The walk is on November 16, beginning at 6:00 a.m. under the guidance of Olinda Rasmijn.

Anyone interested to become a member of the Aruba Garden Club can call Raquel Fillet, president of the Aruba Garden Club, at tel. 7418355 or Facundo Franken, secretary, at tel. 5876186. Membership fee is Afls. 120 per year plus Afls. 50 inscription fee.





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Europe's leaders furious over US spying claims

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(AFP) -- "The path that leads us down is not one that we can travel."

US officials habitually refuse to discuss intelligence issues and espionage allegations as a matter of policy.

"We want the truth," said Italian Premier Enrico Letta in Brussels, as leaders of Belgium, Finland, Malta and others told reporters that Washington must provide an explanation and Europe must take a joint stand to protect its citizens.

The EU executive, the European Commission, called for "a united stand" as its President Jose Manuel Barroso warned against a slide towards "totalitarianism".

"Data protection must apply no matter if it concerns the emails of citizens or the mobile phone of Angela Merkel," said EU Justice Commissioner Viviane Reding. "Now is the time for action and not only for declarations at the EU summit."

Merkel has warned that proof of snooping on her phone would be considered a "breach of trust".

The NSA affair has also seen claims of US snooping

on foreign leaders in Mexico and Brazil, whose President Dilma Rousseff last month cancelled a state visit to Washington over the scandal.

The White House is struggling to stem the diplomatic damage.

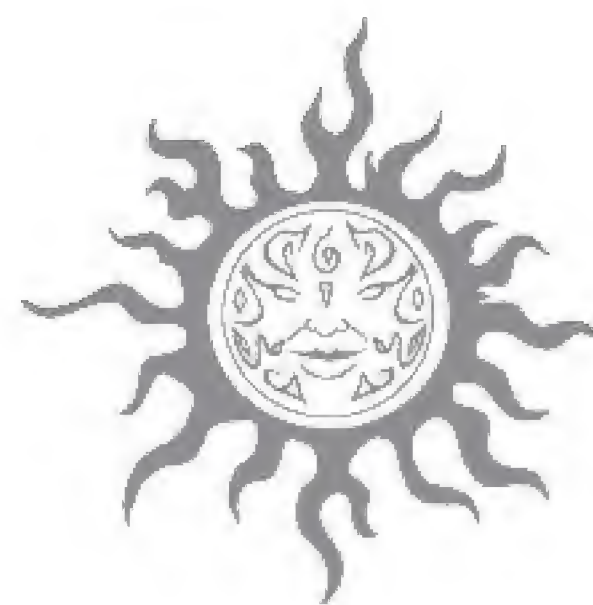
In Germany, the head of the SPD party, Sigmar Gabriel -- currently in talks with Merkel to form a coalition government -- said the snooping threatened talks to seal a trans-Atlantic free trade deal seen as the biggest in history.

"Espionage is not an EU matter"

As the row widened, European Parliament president Martin Schulz also suggested the trade talks be suspended, while MEPs have asked for a key EU-US bank data-sharing deal aimed at fighting terrorism to be suspended.

It remains uncertain whether EU leaders will come up with a common stand in response to the outcry.

Many, notably Britain with its close intelligence links to the US, and Spain, see spying as a matter of national interest firmly outside the bloc's remit.



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US lawmakers step up assault over 'Obamacare' woes

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US lawmakers grilled the contractors behind the troubled Obamacare website Thursday as Republicans attacked what they dubbed "one of the biggest IT disasters in government history."

President Barack Obama's Republican opponents have long opposed his flagship health insurance reform, and have gleefully seized on the failed launch of its online sign-up page.

Executives from firms contracted by the Department of Health and Human Services said the site's debut had been hit by technical complexities and an overwhelm-

ing response by consumers.

But they also testified that, while ideally there should have been months of testing before launching such a complex system, HHS waited just two weeks before taking the website live on October 1.

"It would have been better to have more time," Cheryl Campbell, senior vice president of contractor CGI Federal, admitted to House of Representatives members in a testy hearing.

Andrew Slavitt, group vice president of contractor Optum, said the website's dry run only began in mid-September, adding: "Ideally, integrated testing would have

occurred well before that date."

Even as they and others testified that many initial technical glitches they encountered have been resolved, lawmakers vented their anger over the deeply embarrassing rollout.

"This is not about blame, it's about accountability, transparency and fairness for the American public," said House Energy and Commerce Committee chairman Fred Upton, who said the problems are symptomatic of broader difficulties with the law.

"The broken promises are many," he said.

Upton said that in the months before the online debut, contractors and officials "looked us in the eye and assured us repeatedly that everything was on track -- except that it wasn't."

Fellow Republican Joe Pitts went further, decrying the botched rollout as "one of the biggest IT disasters in government history."

Obama is facing criticism for failures stemming from the debut of the site -- Health-care.gov -- through which millions of Americans are expected to buy insurance.

Consumers have had trouble signing on, getting accurate cost estimates, and

completing enrollment.

With the problems under the microscope, the White House moved to clear up confusion about the law.

Obamacare requires most Americans to have health insurance from 2014 or face a fine, but the White House said it will give an extra six weeks, until March 31, to obtain insurance before facing the penalty.

Thursday's hearing was the first of three over the next week arranged by House Republicans, who oppose the reforms and often used political rhetoric at the hearing to convey their distaste for Obamacare.

International News

US fines Mexican police chief \$10 billion for drugs

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US imprisoned a former Mexican state police chief for almost 13 years and fined him \$10 billion Thursday for trafficking marijuana into the United States for the notorious Gulf Cartel.

The Department of Justice said Gilberto Lerma Plata, 50, was a former commander of the Mexican State Police in Tamaulipas state and at the same time was on the payroll of the Gulf Cartel based in Matamoros, on the border with Texas.

He was arrested on the US side of the border in April 2012 and on March 1 this year pleaded guilty at a federal court in Washington to conspiracy charges to import "multi-ton quantities of marijuana" into the United States.

"Intercepted conversations revealed that Lerma Plata and high ranking members of the Gulf Cartel discussed the shipment of large quantities of marijuana for distribution in the United States as well as the transportation from the United States of proceeds from the sales of the drugs," the Justice Department said

in a statement.

"These intercepted conversations also revealed that Lerma Plata obtained AK-47 and AR-15 assault rifles, as well as pistols, for members of the cartel."

He was sentenced to serve 151 months in prison and ordered to forfeit \$10 billion, which the court said represents the gross receipts of the Gulf Cartel from selling 1.4 million kilograms (3.1 million pounds) of cocaine and 8,000 tons of marijuana into the United States from 2006 to 2011.

"As a police officer, the defendant should have fought narco-traffickers; but, instead, he helped those traffickers transport massive quantities of dangerous drugs into the US," said acting assistant attorney general Mythili Raman in a statement.

"Today, this former crime fighter will start serving his prison sentence alongside the cartel members he assisted and will be required to forfeit 10 billion dollars in ill-gotten gains -- a fitting end to his criminal career."

Police arrest schoolboy, 11, in latest US gun incident

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - An 11-year-old US student appeared in court Thursday on suspicion of attempted murder after bringing a handgun and 400 rounds of ammunition into school, a spokesman said.

In the latest in a spate of incidents in US schools which have left four dead this week, the boy also allegedly brought "multiple" knives to the Frontier Middle School in Vancouver, in Washington state on Wednesday.

"The school was placed into lockdown for approximately two hours while officers were at the campus. There were no injuries related to this incident," said a statement released by local police. "An 11-year-old male was interviewed by detectives and subsequently arrested for one count of attempted murder," it added.

A spokeswoman, Kim Kapp, told AFP that the boy made a first appearance Thursday morning in Clark County juvenile court.

The incident came after three fatal incidents in US schools this week.

On Monday a 12-year-old shot dead at a teacher at Sparks Middle School in Nevada, and also injured two fellow students before killing himself.

On Tuesday, Californian police shot dead a 13-year-old boy who was carrying a pellet gun that looked like an assault rifle.

The child, identified as Andy Lopez and described in media reports as popular in his school, was walking down a street when sheriff's deputies saw him carrying what appeared to be a rifle.

They ordered him to drop it and "and at some point immediately thereafter, the deputies fired several rounds from their handguns at the subject striking him several times," said the Sonoma county sheriff's office.

Then on Wednesday a 24-year-old teacher was allegedly killed by a 14-year-old boy at Danvers High School in Mas-

Saudi warns women against defying driving ban

RIYADH (AFP) - Saudi Arabia on Thursday warned it will take measures against activists who go ahead with a planned weekend campaign to defy a ban on women drivers in the conservative Muslim kingdom.

Activists have called on social networks for Saudi women, individually, to go behind the wheel on Saturday, in a campaign in the world's only country that bans women from driving.

On Wednesday, the interior ministry issued a statement saying it would crack down against anyone who attempts to "disturb public peace" by congregating or marching "under the pretext of an alleged day of female driving."

It added that the interior ministry "will fully and firmly enforce the laws against violators".

Turki insisted that "all gatherings are prohibited" in Saudi Arabia.

Rights watchdog Amnesty International urged the Saudi authorities not to thwart the women's right to drive, saying the ban was "demeaning".

Women who defied the law in the past ran into trouble with the authorities and were harassed by compatriots.



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India's Rahul Gandhi acknowledges assassination risk



NEW DELHI (AFP) - India's Rahul Gandhi, whose grandmother and father were both assassinated when he was a child, has warned that he too could be slain, as he accused his election rivals of sparking "communal fire".

The 43-year-old, expected to lead the ruling Congress party into next year's polls, also told a rally on Wednesday of how he had been friends with the bodyguards who killed his grandmother Indira when she was premier.

"My grandmother and father were assassinated and tomorrow I also may get killed; but I just don't care," Rahul, who is vice-president of Congress, said in a strikingly personal speech in the northern state of Rajasthan.

The notoriously shy Gandhi has often appeared reluctant to follow in his forebears' footsteps but now seems to be

opening up about his personal tragedy as an election tactic against the Hindu national opposition.

Indira Gandhi was shot dead by her Sikh bodyguards in 1984 in revenge for an army assault on the Golden Temple in Amritsar, while Rahul's father Rajiv was assassinated in 1991 by Tamil suicide bombers.

"What does the BJP do? They spark communal fire Then we have to go to the people to put the fire out," said Gandhi in excerpts shown on Indian television.

Opinion polls show that Congress -- even with Rahul in charge -- is likely to lose power in the elections due by next May with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) opening up a commanding lead.

The BJP's candidate for prime minister is Narendra Modi, the chief minister of Gujarat who was at the helm of the state when some 2,000 people -- mainly Muslims -- were killed in communal riots in 2002.

Investigations cleared Modi of any personal responsibility but one of his former ministers was jailed for life for instigating the killing of 97 Muslims in one of the most notorious episodes of the riots.

The BJP reacted furiously to Gandhi's speech with several senior figures accusing him of hypocrisy given the record of communal violence under Congress's near-decade rule.



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HIV has big hiding place, foiling hopes for cure

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Modern medicine can keep HIV at bay but not cure it, and researchers said Thursday the reason may lie in the larger-than-expected size of the virus's hiding place.

Traces of HIV can lie dormant in the body's immune cells, and this so-called latent reservoir is 60 times bigger than previous estimates, according to new research in the journal Cell.

The findings, based on three years of lab experiments, explain why human immunodeficiency virus usually makes a swift comeback and can lead to full-blown AIDS if an infected person stops taking antiretroviral drugs.

"Our study results certainly show that finding a cure for HIV disease is going to be much harder than we had thought and hoped for," said senior investigator Robert

Siliciano, a professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Siliciano in 1995 first showed that reservoirs of dormant HIV were present in immune cells.

There are 213 known proviruses, or remnants of HIV that linger in cells and tissues throughout the body even when HIV is undetectable in the blood.

The latest research showed that 25 of these -- a total of 12 percent -- could reactivate themselves, replicate their genetic material and infect other cells.

This came as a surprise to the science team, because these non-induced proviruses had previously been viewed as defective, therefore playing no role in the infection's return.

The study found that the average frequency of intact non-induced proviruses was

"at least 60-fold higher" than the potentially dangerous latent viruses that scientists already knew about.

All these intact non-induced proviruses need to be wiped out in order to achieve a cure, experts say. What is needed are specialized drugs that target them.

More than 34 million people worldwide are infected with HIV. The three-decade-old pandemic kills about 1.8 million people each year.

A handful of people with HIV around the world have been described as being in remission or potentially cured of HIV, but these cases are rare.

The most famous of them, Timothy Brown -- an American who was long referred to as the Berlin patient -- was cleared of the virus after a bone marrow transplant that wiped out both his leukemia and his HIV infection.

Another novel case involves a young girl who was infected in the womb, and was given a potent dose of antiretrovirals shortly after birth until she was 18 months old.

At that point, the child's mother stopped bringing her to the doctor and stopped giving her medication. Research out Wednesday showed the now three-year-old child has no trace of HIV in her blood despite going 18 months without treatment.

Clinical trials to test the approach on a wider scale in infants in low and middle income countries are set to begin next year.

"Although cure of HIV infection may be achievable in special situations, the elimination of the latent reservoir is a major problem, and it is unclear how long it will take to find a way to do this," said Siliciano.

US doctor wins record Indian medical negligence payout

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India's Supreme Court Thursday awarded a record payout of almost a million dollars for medical negligence to a campaigning American doctor who said the ruling set vital precedents and would help save lives.

Kunal Saha, an HIV/AIDS specialist of Indian origin based in Ohio, travelled to India in 1998 with his 36-year-old wife who died after contracting a rare skin disease which was treated in a leading private hospital in Kolkata.

After being awarded a far smaller payout by a consumer dispute commission in 2011, Saha appealed to the Supreme Court seeking greater compensation, leading to Thursday's judgement 15 years after her death.

Saha's NGO, People for Better Treatment, campaigns for patient rights in India which has a booming medical tourism industry that sees hundreds of thousands of foreigners travel for cheap surgery.

The 59.6 million rupees (970,000 dollars), a record compensation sum for medical negligence in India, is to be paid by AMRI Hospitals and three doctors, whose liability was fixed at one million rupees.

Malpractice in India's booming medical industry is believed to be rampant and Saha's persistence through the country's notoriously slow legal system had already set precedents and encouraged others to file cases.



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Facebook playing with fire by policing beheading videos

CALIFORNIA - After vocal backlash on Tuesday against Facebook's policy on violent images, the company took down a video of a woman's beheading from the website.

The social networking site had enforced a temporary ban on graphic videos in May, but then quietly lifted the ban during the summer, arguing that as long as users were uploading the content in order to condemn violence rather than glorify it, it was fair game.

But Facebook did an about-face — sort of — on Tuesday around 6 p.m.

In its official statement, Facebook said that "as part of our effort to combat the glorification of violence on Facebook, we are strengthening the enforcement of our policies."

The company said they will review based on the holistic context and whether the user is sharing it responsibly by accompanying it with a warning.

"Based on these enhanced standards, we have re-examined recent reports of graphic content and have concluded that this content improperly and irresponsibly glorifies violence," the company stated. "For this reason, we have removed it."

The video purportedly shows a woman being beheaded in Mexico.

Earlier Tuesday, Facebook allowed the video to remain on the site since the company believed the content was shared for an educational purpose and not in a sadistic manner.

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For heads of state, a iPhone or Blackberry can be a trap

PARIS (AFP) - While heads of state have encrypted mobiles and other secure lines for work, many can't resist using regular smartphones for everyday life -- making them susceptible to espionage.

On Wednesday, German Chancellor Angela Merkel called US President Obama demanding answers after reports Washington may have hacked her cell.

The White House, refused to say whether Washington's agents had intercepted her communications in the past, and Obama was forced to promise they would not do so in the future.

Amid growing outrage in Europe, the scandal spotlights how high-ranking officials use technology and, possibly, how reaching for a personal iPhone or Blackberry can expose their Achilles' heel.

The Der Tagesspiegel daily, citing anonymous government sources, said Merkel's allegedly tapped cell phone wasn't the encrypted one she uses in her official role as chancellor.

Rather, it claimed, it was the one she has as head of the country's CDU political party.

Some German reports, however, claimed the gadget was the leader's "official" mobile, which is supposed to be highly

secure.

Several months ago, Germany's government stocked up on Blackberry Z10 models -- priced at 2,500 euros each (\$3,450 each) -- equipped with special security mechanisms.

In France, high-ranking officials have encrypted Teorem cell phones exclusively built for the state by defense contractor Thales and which are believed to cost some 3,300 euros a piece.

Approved by the ANSSI national security agency, they even allow the secure transfer of material deemed "top secret."

Some officials also have access to a highly secure intranet and an inter-ministerial land-line phone and fax network.

However, these systems are often seen as restrictive and slow by their users.

On a Teorem phone, for example, it takes up to 30 seconds to place a call due to security codes -- and that can frustrate officials in an era of increasingly fast communications.

Hands off Gmail and Google

In an August 19 memo -- after leaks by former US intelligence contractor Edward Snowden starting revealing the extent of American spying



in Europe -- the French prime minister's office reminded ministries about the importance of securing data.

Among other things, the memo specified that "the use of unapproved commercial smartphones must exclude the communication of sensitive information."

Furthermore, it said, all sensitive information, even that which is non-classified in nature, must be sent from terminals equipped with security systems approved by ANSSI.

People who own encrypted cell phones, be they politicians, company heads, lawyers or even journalists, "have at least one iPhone or Blackberry" on top of it, Robert Avril, founder of the firm CryptoFrance, told AFP.

The firm launched its first encrypted phones in 2008.

Despite all the training sessions these individuals receive, once back home such individuals tell themselves that hacking only happens to others, he said.

Politicians are particularly tough to convince, said Herve Schauer of CLUSIF, a French non-profit that brings together information security professionals.

According to several cyber-crime experts, former French president Nicolas Sarkozy was particularly reluctant to using his Teorem and his successor Francois Hollande is said to have held onto his personal smartphone once he took the reins.

On the other side of the At-

lantic, Barack Obama won his battle with the Secret Service to hang on to his Blackberry within days of taking office, despite fears it was vulnerable to being hacked, and would give away his whereabouts.

Some also worried anything he writes could eventually be fodder for congressional investigations.

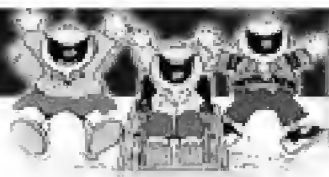
The extra bulky device is often seen on Obama's belt and he is sometimes pictured scrolling through his messages as he travels in his limousine.

The president often privately talks of how frustrated he is about the White House "bubble," which makes it very difficult to communicate with normal people or get unfiltered information from the outside world. Aides say his Blackberry is a way to escape that confinement.

The White House says the president's personal email address is strictly limited to a small list of senior officials and personal friends, but will not detail the encryption devices that are used to secure his communications.

However, emails the president sends are believed to be subject to the post-Watergate Presidential Records Act of 1978, which requires that a record be kept of White House communications.

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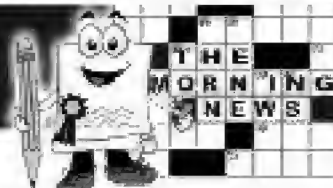
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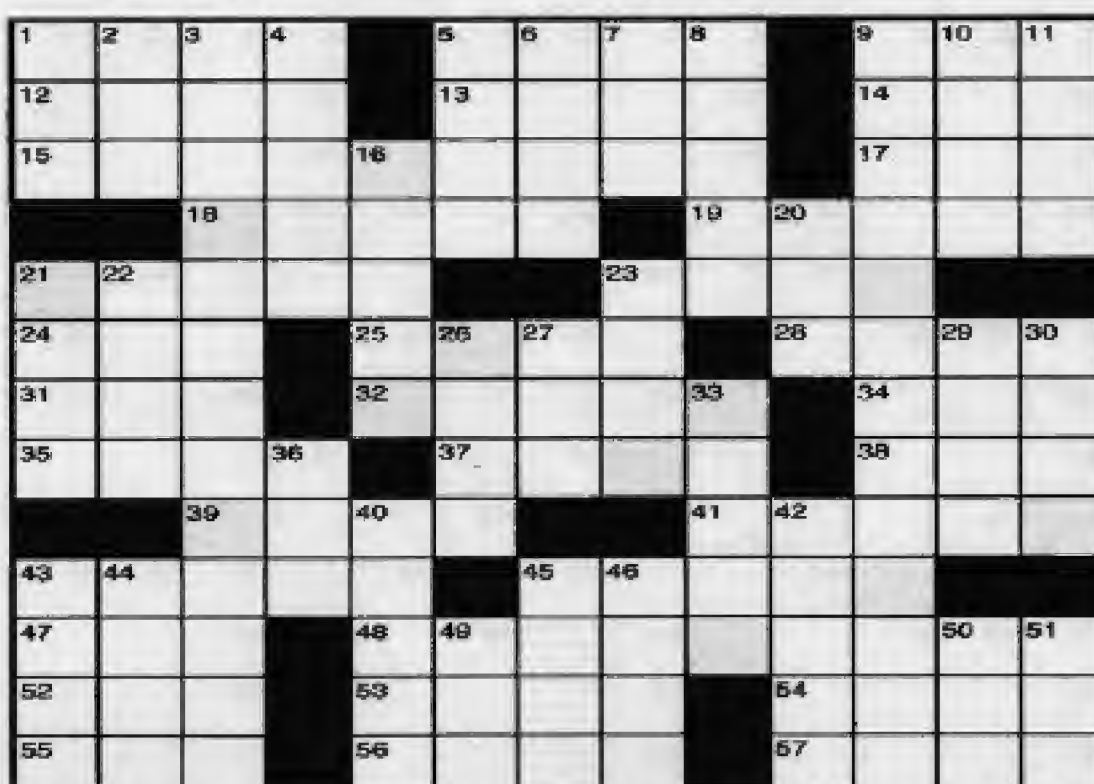
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19. Movie award
21. Searches for
23. Pennsylvania's Great Lake
24. Interfere
25. Catch sight of
28. Ship's jail
31. Omelet ingredient
32. Harry Belafonte's daughter
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35. Actress Witherspoon
37. Spanish cheers
38. Baseballer Ott
39. Additionally
41. Tibetan capital
43. Carved gem
45. Bedlam
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48. Toddler's friends
52. He took the reins from HST
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54. Artist Magritte
55. Corn serving
56. Boot bottom
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2. Shad product
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4. Oily
5. Part of JFK
6. Consumes pizza
7. Feminine pronoun
8. English dynasty
9. Symphony figure
10. Draft status (hyph.)
11. Wild pig
16. Fuels
20. Sis, e.g.
21. Specification (abbr.)
22. Therefore, to Caesar
23. "Jane ____"
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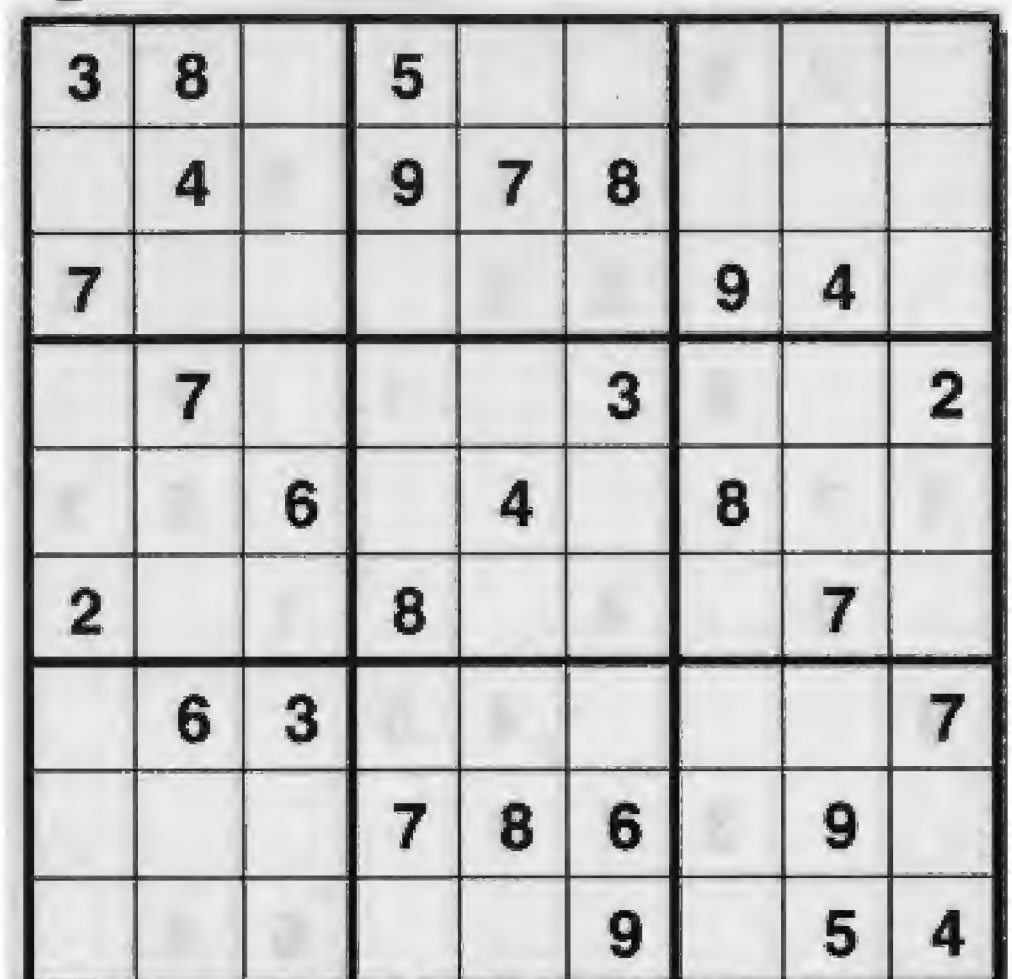
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Bank of America cuts 1,200 mortgage jobs



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Bank of America Thursday said it cut 1,200 employees in its mortgage finance division due to lower refinancing demand and a decline in mortgage delinquencies.

The US banking giant had 27,000 employees in its mortgage division at the end of the third quarter, or 32,000 including contract employees.

A bank statement said the cuts were taken after the number of delinquent loans fell to "less than one-third of peak levels."

As it responds to the lower demand, "we are reducing the size of the operations that support these specialized programs," the bank said.

"Additionally, in line with the industry, we are realigning our cost structure in response to lower customer demand for mortgage refinancing."

The cuts come on the heels of mortgage finance staff reductions at other big banks, including Wells Fargo and Citigroup, as fewer customers refinance mortgages due to higher interest rates.

The Wall Street Journal reported that Bank of America plans to eliminate 3,000 mortgage jobs in all in the fourth quarter.

Those figures appeared to include non-salary staff who were hired to work on mortgage issues, said a person familiar with the matter.

Bank of America and four other large banks hired thousands of people to address problems in their mortgage divisions following a \$25 billion settlement with federal and state regulators in February 2012 over alleged foreclosure violations by the banks.

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Stocks muscle higher on mixed earnings

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - US stocks rose Thursday amid a mixed bag of earnings reports, as investors punished underperforming companies while bidding the overall market higher.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 95.88 points (0.62 percent) to 15,509.21.

The broad-based S&P 500 tacked on 5.69 (0.33 percent) at 1,752.07, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index increased 21.89 (0.56 percent) to 3,928.96.

Peter Cardillo, director of investment research at Rockwell Global Capital, said the market is "feeding on itself" amid recent momentum and confidence the Federal Reserve will maintain an aggressive stimulus policy.

"We're in a market that has a momentum, going up fast, it's going to have to pause some day," Cardillo said. "But right now, it's all about easy money, cheap money, as long as the Fed doesn't taper."

Of the 213 companies in the S&P 500 that have reported earnings so far, 141 have exceeded expectations and 43

have missed, with the remainder in line with forecasts, according to a report by S&P Capital IQ.

Ford rose 1.4 percent after earnings of 45 cents per share bested expectations by 8 cents, helped by shrinking losses in Europe and record sales in the Asia Pacific Africa division.

Other companies to exceed expectations included Dow component 3M (up 0.2 percent) and homebuilder PulteGroup (up 7.0 percent).

Dow Chemical slid 1.0 percent after earnings per share came in 5 cents short of forecasts of 54 cents, and revenues also disappointed. The company said it plans \$3-4 billion in divestitures.

Digital security company

Symantec fell 12.7 percent after forecasting earnings for the upcoming quarter at 41-43 cents per share, well below the 51 cents seen by analysts. The company said it was committed to achieving its 2015-2017 financial targets.

Technology giant Apple advanced 1.3 percent after activist investor Carl Icahn disclosed he raised his stake in Apple and amplified his call for a \$150 billion share buyback.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year US Treasury rose to 2.52 percent from 2.49 percent Wednesday, while the 30-year increased to 3.61 percent from 3.58 percent. Bond prices and yields move inversely.

Twitter seeks up to \$1.61 bn in IPO

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Twitter said Thursday it would seek to raise up to \$1.6 billion in its initial public offering expected in the coming weeks.

In regulatory documents, the popular messaging platform boosted the IPO amount from an earlier estimate of \$1 billion, saying it would sell 70 million shares in a price range between \$17 and \$20 a share.

The document filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission said Twitter will have an option for 10.5 million additional shares if there is enough demand.

Twitter said it expects net proceeds of between \$1.25 billion and \$1.44 billion depending on the option, and would use the money "for general

corporate purposes, including working capital, operating expenses and capital expenditures."

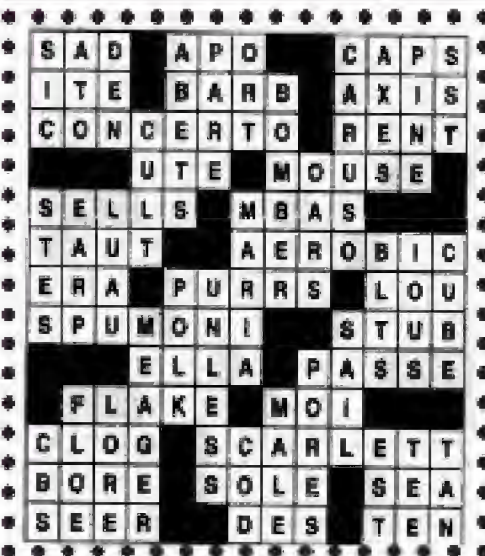
Twitter said last week it would list on the New York Stock Exchange, documents showed Tuesday, shunning the tech-heavy Nasdaq which saw major problems in Facebook's market debut in 2012.

The shares will trade under the symbol "TWTR."

The latest documents did not update information of the number of users or finances.

Twitter's monthly active users are estimated at 233 million. The company lost \$133 million in the first nine months of 2012 on revenues of \$422 million.

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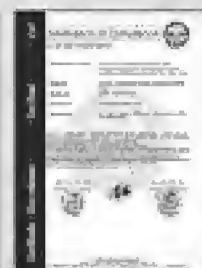
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Exclusive Interview with ROBERT REDFORD from THE MORNING NEWS Correspondent to Hollywood, Noel de Souza



-- He's the all-American Male, a typical Californian who was brought up on the shores of the seas and spent his youth surfing and swimming, at one point competitively. Like most handsome young men who grew up around the film industry, he gave acting a shot.

After several failed auditions, he finally hit it big with "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," and again partnered with Paul Newman in "The Sting," cementing his position as a Hollywood A-lister. He became a heartthrob spanning generations, and during the Sixties and Seventies, most women (and their daughters) would consider the name Robert Redford synonymous with "sexy."

Then, at the height of his career, Redford left Hollywood and settled in Sundance, Utah. He founded the Sundance Institute, a place that nurtures young filmmakers, while still being active on screen, taking more mature and varied roles. After a five-year hiatus he is back and busy. "All is Lost" is about to open in local theaters, but there is already talk of an Oscar nomination for his portrayal of one man against the elements, in this story of survival on the open seas. There is practically no dialogue throughout the film and it relies entirely on Redford's charismatic presence and acting chops.

THE MORNING NEWS Hollywood Correspondent Noel de Souza had a chat with Redford at the Four Seasons in Beverly Hills. Redford recently wrapped from playing a S.H.I.E.L.D. agent in the next Captain America opus, and is in pre-production for "A Walk

in the Woods," with an intriguing plot suggesting another story of surviving adversity, and self-discovery.

NDS: IN THE FILM YOU STRUGGLE AGAINST ALL THE ELEMENTS TO SURVIVE ON THE OPEN SEAS. IN REAL LIFE HOW DO YOU COPE WITH STRESSFUL SITUATIONS?

RR: When things get really tough, you have a choice. You can either panic, scream, collapse or you can go more into a Zen mode where you say okay, things are really, really hard. The only way to get through this is for me to collect myself and go to as calm a place as I can to get through it. That's the junction and you have a choice. Some people can't go there and some people go there and going there doesn't mean it's always going to work. But that has been my choice when I'm put in a dangerous situation.

NDS: WHAT IS THE MOST DANGEROUS SITUATIONS YOU HAVE EVER BEEN IN?

RR: I've never been in a violent storm as depicted in the film, but I have been in turbulent weather in the mountains. I've been in the air, airplanes, I've been in an airplane flying a jet that lost its engines for nine minutes and it dropped 21,000 feet so that you felt like this is going to be the end of your life.

NDS: YOU HAVE HAD SUCH A FRUITFUL CAREER AND LIFE, SO WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED ABOUT LIFE?

RR: Well life has taught me that happiness is just momentary. It comes and it goes. It's not a constant thing unless



you're taking some kind of drug that I'm not aware of. Life is a series of ups and downs and high moments and low moments of joy and moments of sadness and depression. So I like happiness a lot when it comes.

NDS: HAVE YOU GOTTEN WISER WITH AGE?

RR: I think that when you get to a certain age you gain wisdom. You don't have that when you are twenty. You are too busy moving forward. If you have wisdom then you become philosophical. If you become philosophical, then you look back over time and start to look at your life and you look at things you've done wrong along the road that you wouldn't have seen when you were doing it. You get a perspective that you didn't have and so what comes up are things like regret and luck and survival and all that comes with wisdom.

NDS: HOW HAS FAME IMPACTED YOU AND WOULD YOU HAVE DONE ANYTHING DIFFERENTLY?

RR: I wouldn't have done anything differently. Fame came to me unexpectedly, I was not totally prepared for it because it came hard and fast. It wasn't a gradual thing. It came over one film and I suddenly had to deal with this jump. Because of the way in which I was treated, people were treating me in a totally different way. They were pulling at my clothes, they were pulling at my hair and they were yelling and things like that. I thought wait a minute, this seems unreal and then I worried about whether that would change my life. I had a family. I didn't want that to fall down on my kids, I didn't want the pressure on them.

I remember putting up three cards and they had to do with the word "object." The first one had to do with the fact that I

suddenly found myself being treated like an object, and that was weird. That had never happened to me before, so I put up a card and it said first step, there are three steps. The first step is that you find yourself being treated like an object and then you have to be careful. The second step is that you will begin to behave like an object and the third step is that you will become an object. That is what I did for myself to prevent me from going off the rails, because how could you not be flattered if some one suddenly thought that you were good looking? You thought, "well, nobody told me that in high school." With fame, suddenly every thing changed and I thought "Oh, there's a danger here. Success has its dark side and you'd better be aware of it and keep your life in balance."

NDS: WAS THIS A MAJOR FACTOR IN YOUR DECISION TO SETTLE IN UTAH?

RR: I never saw Hollywood as this golden place that other people did, I wasn't interested in Hollywood. I was interested in going to New York, going to Colorado. Going outside of Los Angeles to get away from what was happening. The city was being crushed by development, crushed by skyscrapers and freeways and things that did not exist when I was a kid, so it was not a place that I was happy with any more. I felt that it was being taken away. I ended up in New York because I wanted to do theatre, I wanted to learn my craft. I was also a painter and I wanted to explore that part of my life. The idea of coming back to Hollywood as an actor in a film was kind of weird, but I just thought "Well, if I'm going to do that I think there's a danger in being absorbed in the community that is there." I would like to stay away and come and go. That would

make me more comfortable. Hollywood is a business. It's a good business, but I just felt that as a place to live I'd rather be elsewhere.

NDS: WHAT ARE THE ACTIVITIES THAT YOU ENJOY DOING WITH YOUR FAMILY?

RR: I enjoy skiing. We're all good skiers. My kids are great skiers, my grand-kids are even better skiers and my wife is good at it, so I'll ski anywhere as long as I can. I just love that sport. I've always loved horseback riding and I go for long five hour rides through the mountains. It's a wonderful feeling because you are able to connect with nature but move with an animal at the same time. I like water, I like swimming and surfing.

In terms of organized sports at this point in my life, I like to play tennis, so these are some of the recreational things that I do with the family.

NDS: SKIING INVOLVES SPEED, ANY OTHER SPORTS THAT INVOLVE THAT ELEMENT THAT INTEREST YOU?

RR: There was a short time in my life when I raced cars, I was between nineteen and twenty years old, I raced in little tracks in California. I was taken with race car driving because of what skill it took, what it required of you plus the fact that I've always loved speed, it was fascinating to me.

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sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facili-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

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Boxing: Philippines' creaky Pacquiao training 'like a 20-year-old'



GENERAL SANTOS (AFP) - Philippine boxing hero Manny Pacquiao says he is furiously training like a 20-year-old to break a losing streak and re-establish his reputation as one of the world's best fighters.

Pacquiao also said his match against American Brandon Rios in the Chinese territory of Macau next month would be "a good window" to promote boxing in China, and that he felt honoured to take part in the landmark bout.

"This training camp, I believe, is one of the longest preparations in my boxing career. I trained early because I want to prove that I can still fight in the top (tier) of box-

ing," he told reporters late Wednesday in his home town of General Santos in the southern Philippines.

"This time my preparation is more serious, more focused. My mind is like when I was 20 years old."

A former champion in an unprecedented eight weight divisions, Pacquiao, who turns 35 in December, is seeking to come back from two consecutive defeats which have led supporters to question if he should hang up his gloves.

He lost a controversial split decision to American Timothy Bradley in June last year, then suffered a sixth-round knockout to Mexican arch rival Juan Manuel Marquez six months

later.

Pacquiao said he had come to terms with his shock defeat to Marquez, reasoning that losing was inevitable during a long sporting career.

"I don't think I had a mistake in that fight. If you look back... I had 100 percent conditioning, aggressiveness. That (defeat) is part of boxing. I accept 100 percent what happened in the last fight," he said.

While he had done light training earlier, Pacquiao formally opened his training camp in General Santos last month.

His training to meet Rios, for the vacant World Boxing Organization (WBO) welterweight title, has largely been behind closed doors.

This is in contrast to many of his previous training camps, where journalists, celebrities and other guests have dropped by to pose with the boxer.

Critics have previously questioned whether Pacquiao's diminishing prowess in the ring was because he had become distracted by his many other endeavours.

His boxing fame helped him to launch a successful political career in the Philippines, and he is now a second-term congressman with ambitions of eventually becoming president.

Pacquiao, who through the peak of his career fought almost exclusively in the United States, appeared excited at the prospect of raising the sport's profile in the world's most populous nation.

"This is a good window for the people of China to have the opportunity to watch the big fight live. This is also a good window to promote boxing in China," he said.



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SPORTS

Football: Tottenham on brink of knockout stage after Sheriff win

PARIS (AFP) - Tottenham Hotspur closed in on a place in the Europa League knockout stages with a 2-0 win away to Moldovan champions Sheriff Tiraspol on Thursday.

It was a hard-earned win for Andre Villas-Boas' side, with Sheriff applying plenty of pressure, but ultimately the Premier League team's class shone through.

Villas-Boas made wholesale changes to the team that had beaten Aston Villa in the Premier League on Sunday but the visitors needed just 12 minutes to open the scoring.

On their first attack, captain for the night Jan Vertonghen headed home Christian Eriksen's cross to settle Tottenham down in the tricky tie in Transnistria, a territory that claims independence from Moldova itself.

A Sheriff side with a heavy African and Brazilian influence might have drawn level moments later but Vlad Chiriches made a stunning last-gasp clearance to stop Luvannor Henrique from scoring after rounding Hugo Lloris.

The hosts then had a goal disallowed but they remained very much in the contest until Jermain Defoe made sure of the win in the 75th minute with a deflected strike that saw him equal Martin Chivers' record of 22 European goals for Spurs.

The north London club have the maximum nine points from three games in Group K and lead the section by five points from Anzhi Makhachkala, the Russians who beat Tromso 1-0.

Elsewhere, there was frustration for another Premier League side as Swansea City were held to a 1-1 draw by Russian side Kuban Krasnodar in south Wales.

It looked like a beautifully-crafted Michu goal midway through the second half would be enough to give Michael Laudrup's men a third win in

as many games in Group A, especially as they had not conceded a goal in the section while their opponents had not scored.

But the visitors won a penalty in stoppage time when Senegalese substitute Ibrahima Balde was brought down by goalkeeper Gerhard Tremmel and French former Liverpool forward Djibril Cisse netted from 12 yards.

Last season's English League Cup winners remain a point clear at the top of the section from Valencia, who romped to a 5-1 home win against St Gallen of Switzerland with Fede Cartabia scoring twice.

Like Swansea, Wigan Athletic drew at home against Russian opponents, although the FA Cup holders came from behind to hold Rubin Kazan 1-1 with Nick Powell cancelling out Aleksandr Prudnikov's opener.

Meanwhile, Serie A side Fiorentina followed up their stunning weekend win against Juventus by keeping up their perfect start in Group E, Spanish winger Joaquin setting them on their way to a 3-0 victory against Romanians Panduri in Florence.

Eintracht Frankfurt of Germany made it three wins out of three in Group F by beating Israel's Maccabi Tel Aviv 2-0, and there was a much-needed win for Lyon, who beat Croatian side Rijeka 1-0 in Group I after a run of just one win in 12 games in all competitions.

Clement Grenier scored the only goal of the game in the second half and OL are level on five points with Betis, who won 1-0 at home to Vitoria Guimaraes.

Betis' city rivals Sevilla, who won the UEFA Cup in successive years in 2006 and 2007, needed a late equaliser to draw 1-1 with Slovan Liberec of the Czech Republic in Group H.



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Trainer Jeffrey Nedd receives high honors in boxing

ORANJESTAD - Just recently, Jeffrey Nedd attended a course of the AIBA to work towards achieving his badge in the three stars at Santiago de Chile, Chile. The AIBA Commission of Coaches not only evaluates the actual level of the coaches, but also develops a course of training and give a final thesis for each level. This allows the coaches to follow the process for obtaining the correct certificate level.

There are three categories, 1 Star Level Coach, 2 Star Level Coach and 3 Star Level Coach. To qualify, a coach of 3 stars must have three of the four conditions, which is an Actual national head coach, Ex-national coach less than

10 years, a coach with a diploma in boxing, a coach with 20 years of experience in the sport.

The course and final exam had a duration of four days and was organized together with the Campeonato Continental with a total of 14 countries participating. On the 9th of October, coach Jeffrey Nedd received the joyful

news that he passed the exam successfully. Arubox is very proud to have a trainer of 3 stars in their group, which is the highest level in boxing.

The Subsidy Commission of the Lotto pa Deporte Foundation proudly congratulates Jeffrey Nedd of Arubox with his diploma and great accomplishment in boxing.

Pablen Jeffrey!

KIEV (AFP) - Ukrainian world boxing champion and popular opposition leader Vitali Klitschko announced on Thursday he would challenge President Viktor Yanukovich in elections due in March 2015. Klitschko -- a polyglot who reads Fyodor Dostoyevsky novels between gruelling training sessions -- said he was becoming a candidate so long before the vote to bring clarity to the country's bruising and confusing politics. The 42-year-old heavyweight champion is an ally of jailed opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko and one of the most popular figures in the former Soviet republic of 45 million people. His anti-corruption UDAR (Punch) party rose out of nowhere to claim third place in parliamentary elections last year and Klitschko himself has led recent public opinion polls.

MLB best-of-seven World Series

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NFL: Teams named for 2014 NFL games in London

LONDON (AFP) - The NFL Thursday announced the teams for three regular-season games in London next year, revealing the match-ups in the run-up to Sunday's game at Wembley Stadium.

The league had announced earlier this month that the Jacksonville Jaguars, Atlanta Falcons and Oakland Raiders had been designated the host teams for 2014 games at Wembley.

The Jaguars will face the Dallas Cowboys, the Falcons will take on the Detroit Lions and the Raiders will play the Miami Dolphins.

Dates have yet to be announced.

"Our fans in the UK continue to demonstrate their passion for more football," NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said in a statement.

"Next year for the first time we will play three regular-season games in London. We have scheduled three attractive games with four teams playing in their first International Series game. The growing enthu-

siasm for the NFL internationally is exciting and we look forward to continuing to respond to this interest in our game."

Sunday's clash between the Jaguars and 49ers at Wembley will be the league's second game in London this season. On September 29, the Minnesota Vikings beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 34-27 before 83,518 spectators.

The Jaguars have committed to playing one "home" game in London for four straight seasons, through 2016.

They have a London link through owner Shahid Khan, who also owns English Premier League club Fulham.

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MLB: Red Sox trounce Cards in World Series opener

BOSTON (AFP) - The Boston Red Sox routed the St. Louis Cardinals 8-1 to launch their World Series campaign with an emphatic opening game win on Wednesday.

The Red Sox got the early upper hand in their best-of-seven series with an offensive blitz that staked them to a 5-0 lead after just two innings.

Mike Napoli clubbed a three-run, bases-loaded double in the first and Jon Lester pitched seven shutout innings in front of a sold-out crowd of 38,345 at Fenway Park.

Napoli's double to center field in the first inning came just moments after the umpires reversed a blown call -- a change that loaded the bases for Boston.

Lester finished with eight strikeouts for the Red Sox, who will try to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Lester allowed no runs on five hits in just over seven innings.

Sluggish David Ortiz had a two-run homer in the seventh for Boston, who wasted little time getting on the scoreboard.

Boston has won seven World Series titles, their most recent a sweep of the Colorado Rockies in 2007. The Cardinals have won 11 crowns, with their last coming just two years ago against the Texas Rangers.

Whoever wins the series will have the most championship titles (three) over the last 10 Major League Baseball seasons.

St. Louis starter Adam Wainwright lasted five innings, giving up five runs on six hits for the Cardinals who also lost veteran Carlos Beltran with rib injury.



Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz reacts as he scores after hitting a two-run home run in the seventh inning.

Beltran, who was making his World Series debut, slammed into the outfield wall stealing a grand slam away from Ortiz with a brilliant catch in second inning. He left the game and was taken to hospital where he was diagnosed with a rib contusion.

Farrell argued and won a controversial out call at second base which resulted in loaded bases for Napoli in the bottom of the first.

With two men on base, Ortiz hit into a fielder's choice. The umpires originally called Boston's Dustin Pedroia out at second, but Farrell argued that Cardinals infielder Pete Kozma dropped the ball before his foot touched the bag.

The umpires huddled and eventually reversed the call to safe. The next batter, Napoli, then hit a bases-clearing double to center field to give Boston a 3-0 lead. Kozma was charged with an error, the first of two for him on the night.

"Instead of it being a two-out situation with runners on

first and third we are in a bases-loaded situation," Farrell said. "It is a pretty big swing in momentum. They got the call right."

Said Matheny, "I get that they are trying to get the right call. Tough one to swallow."

Wainwright struggled out of the gate as he allowed three of the first four batters he faced to get on base before giving up the double to Napoli.

The Red Sox tacked on two runs in the second for a commanding 5-0 lead.

It could have been a bigger margin but for Beltran's superb catch, which recalled Detroit outfielder Torii Hunter's tumble into the Red Sox bullpen that left him bruised and bloodied while attempting to snare Ortiz's game-tying grand slam in game two of the American League Championship series.

Matt Holliday belted a solo home run in the ninth for the Cardinals' only run.

Boston righthander Ryan Dempster struck out Matt Adams for the final out of the game.

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Vodafone McLaren Mercedes crew members push the racecar used by French driver Romain Grosjean after the vehicle was inspected and being returned to the garage at the track at The Buddh International circuit in Greater Noida on the outskirts of New Delhi on October 24, 2013, ahead of the Formula One Indian Grand Prix 2013. The Formula One Indian Grand Prix 2013 takes place on October 27, while India's Supreme



Court agreed Thursday to hear a petition seeking the cancellation of this weekend's Indian Grand Prix because organisers have allegedly not paid entertainment taxes for the 2012 event. The Supreme Court, which has executive powers, ordered organisers two years ago to freeze 25 percent of ticket revenues until they had settled a tax dispute with the state where the racetrack is located.



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